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SUBJECT: DEL E. WEBB CLAIM AGAINST HONDURAS

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 219 (1/16/74)

(B) ROCAP MEMCON DTD 2/12/75 PREPARED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR
ROCAP

(C) MEMCON DTD 2/13/74 PREPARED BY OFFICE DIRECTOR OF
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1. REF (A) CONFIRMS EMBASSY AND AID TEGUCIGALPA AGREEMENT THAT TECHNICALITIES AND MERITS OF DEL E. WEBB CLAIM UNDER ROCAP/CABEI CONTRACT WERE TO BE EVALUATED WITH WEBB BY RECAP. THE RESULTS OF THAT EVALUATION ARE NOT YET KNOWN TO EMBASSY HONDURAS. REF (B) CONTAINS AN EXPRESSION ON THE PART OF MR. PARKER OF HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT DEL E. WEBB HAS A VALID BASIS FOR A CLAIM AND THAT IMPLICITLY THE GOH HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THIS PREVIOUSLY AND IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERNOR CASTRO. THIS STATEMENT IS REPEATED IN REF (C); THAT WEBB WAS TOLD BY PARKER THAT IT HAS A VALID CLAIM AND THAT THEY SHOULD PURSUE IT.

2. THE EMBASSY'S POSITION AT THE TIME ROCAP UNDERTOOK RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MATTER WAS AS FOLLOWS: WE WILL NEED TO DEFINE THE POINT AT WHICH THE DEL E. WEBB PROBLEM IS A CONTRACTUAL QUESTION WITH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK AND
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ROCAP AND THE TIME AT WHICH IT BECOMES A "PROTECTION" PROBLEM

WITH THE GOH, WHICH UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WHEN
DETERMINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT,
WOULD BE AN EMBASSY RESPONSIBILITY.

3. AS THE WEBB PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE DETERIORATING, ROCAP'S
VIEW OF THE TECHNICALITIES AND MERITS OF THE WEBB CLAIM
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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